

House Resolution 1816

By: Representatives Oliver of the 83rd and Gardner of the 57th

A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering Mary Baker Eddy during Women's History Month for her contributions to
2 humanity and the advancement of women; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, during the course of her extraordinary lifetime, Mary Baker Eddy (1812-1910)
4 achieved international prominence as the founder of Christian Science, becoming the first
5 woman in the United States to found and lead a religion, which became a global movement
6 with members in more than 139 countries; and

7 WHEREAS, Mary Baker Eddy established a publishing organization that today produces
8 numerous publications, including the Pulitzer prize winning daily newspaper, *The Christian*
9 *Science Monitor*; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1992, the Women's National Book Association named her seminal work,
11 *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, one of "75 books by women whose words
12 have changed the world"; and

13 WHEREAS, historians compare Mary Baker Eddy to nineteenth century reformers Elizabeth
14 Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, women who took leadership roles at a time when our
15 culture did not readily support them; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2002, the Mary Baker Eddy Library for the Betterment of Humanity, housing
17 one of the largest collections of source material by and about an American woman, opened
18 in Boston, Massachusetts; the library's collections support the rediscovery and preservation
19 of women's history in Seneca Falls, New York, the site of the first Women's Rights
20 Convention; and

1 WHEREAS, as Women's History Month, March, 2006, is set aside to celebrate and honor
2 those women whose contributions have had a lasting influence on American culture, it is only
3 fitting and proper to remember at this time the important legacy of Mary Baker Eddy.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body join in remembering Mary Baker Eddy during Women's History
6 Month for her many contributions to humanity and the advancement of women.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Kwadjo Boaitey of the
9 Christian Science Committee On Publication For Georgia.